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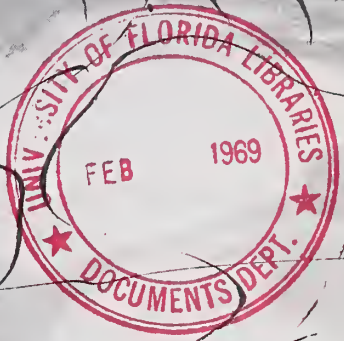
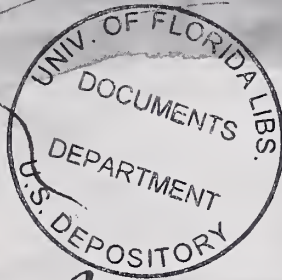
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The Battle of Duc Lap

Design Approved For Agency Insignia



After being in existence for more than 23 years, the USASA finally has a distinctive insignia it can call its own.

The illustration on the back cover and this page is the end result of months of planning, discussion, art work, submissions and resubmissions. The product is now the authorized distinctive insignia for Headquarters and all Agency units not previously authorized one.

As soon as the insignia can be produced and distributed (conservatively estimated at about six months from now) it will be worn on Class A uniform epaulets and on overseas and utility hats. ASA units must requisition the insignia through their Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

Every distinctive insignia has a meaning of its own, and this one is no exception.

The double-warded key in the center alludes to the Agency's dual concern—hostile communications and friendly ones. The lightning flash and quill refer to the ability to transmit and record communications quickly and efficiently.

The globe—one-half colored blue, the other black—stands for ASA's round-the-clock readiness to meet any security mission anywhere in the world.

The motto "Vigilant Always" appears on gold scrolls on the top and bottom of the globe. The grid squares on the globe are done in gold.

It wasn't until April 1968 that major commands like USASA were authorized their own distinctive insignia. Formerly, insignias were reserved for color-bearing TO&E units, and since most ASA units are TD, they were not able to get distinctive insignias approved.

When the Agency was finally authorized in April to develop an insignia for units without one, a chain of events started which culminated in the approval and adoption of this design.

The design and motto had to be unique and had to represent succinctly the Agency's mission. Ideas and designs flowed between Headquarters and the Institute of Heraldry, which is responsible for the final design of all insignia.

ASA's insignia is a combination of ideas from the Commanding General, ODCSPER, and a team of illustrators from the Command Information Division of the ODCSOPS.

Although the USASA distinctive insignia is new, it represents the Command's many past accomplishments and those yet to come.

It is a fitting symbol; one that will be worn proudly.

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OUR COVER

Our graphic representation of the battle of Duc Lap was painted for The Hallmark by Sp4 David Blow, illustrator, HQ, USASA.

Agency Hosts Top Army NCO

On the morning of Nov. 22, 1968, the Military Police of Headquarters, USASA, looked singularly impressive. The Sergeant Major of the Army was paying a visit.

Sergeant Major of the Army George W. Dunaway, top enlisted man in the Army, came to Arlington Hall Station and Vint Hill Farms to get a better insight into the Agency's worldwide mission and see first-hand one of our field stations in operation.

After a courtesy call on MG Charles J. Denholm, commanding general, the former sergeant major of the 101st Air Cavalry Division in Vietnam attended a special "ASA Today" briefing in the War Room. The briefing was given by SSM Vann E. Halbrooks and MSG Albert E. Lozar of Headquarters and was attended by the sergeants major of Arlington Hall Station.

That afternoon SMA Dunaway drove 40 miles west to Vint Hill Farms Station, Warrenton, Va., where he had lunch and addressed the station's NCOs. Later he visited the field station's commanding officer, COL Harold E. Otiker, and then toured the station's facilities.

He also visited activities of the Materiel Support Command, under the command of COL Eugene T. Bratton.

At the morning "ASA Today"

SMA George W. Dunaway and CSM Clifford L. Charron at the entrance to the headquarters building at Arlington Hall. CSM Charron acted as official host.



SMA Dunaway addresses a luncheon attended by senior NCOs at FS Vint Hill Farms.

briefing the sergeant major commented on the men of the Agency.

"I've known quite a few ASA people," he said. "They are all really well above average. It's a pleasure to talk to them; they're smart."

"In all my conversations and lectures with them, both as individuals and in a group, I've noticed that they stand out in every respect. You should be proud of your people, they are hard to beat."

SMA Dunaway is well acquainted with the men of USASA. He worked closely with the 400th ASA SOD in Okinawa and with other USASA units around the world.

As the top NCO, SMA Dunaway is the senior enlisted advisor to GEN William C. Westmoreland, Chief of

Staff of the Army. It was the sergeant major's suggestion to GEN Westmoreland that soldiers going to and from Vietnam be allowed to wear fatigues. Soon after the suggestion was made it was adopted and put into effect.

One characteristic of the sergeant major, prominent wherever he went on his USASA tour, was an eagerness to talk with *all* the enlisted men he met—from the newest private E2s to the ranking NCOs.

MPs, supply clerks, photographers, traffic analysts, personnel workers, and manual Morse operators found themselves discussing subjects of mutual interest with him, ranging from the shape of the new PFC patch to requirements for promotion to E9.

At the end of his visit, SMA Dunaway praised the people of Headquarters and Vint Hill Farms on their overall military bearing and remarked to the Agency's Command Sergeant Major Clifford L. Charron, "this was one of the finest tours I have ever taken and I look forward to my next visit."

That visit may be soon, for earlier that day MG Denholm gave his distinguished guest an invitation to "visit any unit of my command any time you wish."

So USASA units everywhere take note. If you see the Sergeant Major of the Army in the area, you'll know it is SMA Dunaway accepting his invitation.



pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents

Germany—On Halloween, American youngsters “treated” children at Frankfurt’s Burger Hospital rather than “tricking” their neighborhoods.

Costumed Cub Scouts from Den 5, Pack 90, visited the children’s wards, passed out candy they had collected the night before, and explained the American tradition of Halloween, goblins and ghouls with the help of SP5 Dave Anderson, H&S Co, USASA Europe. The concept of the Great Pumpkin, however, was difficult to translate!



James Liptak, 10, dressed as a chimney sweep, gives Halloween treats to young patients in Frankfurt’s Burger Hospital. (Photo by SP4 T. J. Smith)

Originally most of the children thought Halloween was the same as the German holiday “Fasching.” (Fasching is celebrated from November 11 to Lent and is similar to Mardi Gras. It is climaxed with a national holiday in February when children wear costumes—cowboy and Indian garb being the most popular.) Accompanying the youngsters were Den Mothers Joan Smith, wife of SFC James Smith and Becky Wheeler, wife of SSG Danny Wheeler.

The 507th Group is now located at Flak Kaserne. Where did this name come from? Flak is an abbreviation of the German phrase “FLieger Abwehr Kanone” which means the same in both languages—anti-aircraft cannon. Kaserne is a military installation. Flak Kaserne was the WWII

home of German troops who manned the AA guns around Augsburg.

Vietnam—The 408th, 415th and 601st RR Dets are no more. They have been absorbed by the 328th RR Co—the newest Radio Research Company.

Korea—Gp Korea supports four orphanages: Yu-Rin in Seoul, Jo-Sung in Munsan-Ni, Yang-Ju Child Care Center in Tongduchon and Sin-Seng in Pyong Taek. The support includes weekly visits, entertaining and playing with the children, repairing and building facilities to improve the living conditions of the orphans and monetary support.

Hawaii—Aloha! Wouldn’t you enjoy the Army more if 2LT Alyce Sharon Cook was your CO? 2LT Cook is the daughter of PAC SSM William O. Cook Jr. She has a BA in Psychology and a BS in Nursing from the University of Hawaii. She received her commission in the Army Nurse Corps on October 18. PAC Chief BG George A. Godding administered the commissioning oath.



SSM William C. Cook Jr. salutes his newly-commissioned daughter, 2LT Alyce S. Cook and receives the traditional dollar for the first salute. (Photo by SP4 William R. Jenks)

2LT Cook’s first assignment will be at Ft. Sam Houston and after completing her two years service she plans to return to Hawaii.

By the way men, it’s *Miss Cook!*

Panama—SOUTHCOM donated \$1,911.75—165% of their quota—to the Combined Federal Campaign. For contributing \$758—far more than any other trick—SSG Donald F. Rzeppa’s Trick Two received an unexpected bonus—no formations for a month!



The 404th RR Det. (Abn) has received the Meritorious Unit Citation for the period May 1965-May 1967 as an attached unit of the 173rd Abn Brigade. Pictured from left are CPT Charles D. Wood, CO; SFC Charles L. Doughty, 1SG and SP4 Harry P. Dennis, guidon bearer.

Germany—Thanks to Education Center Director SFC Harvey Sperry and SP5 Richard Engle (language lab annex director), Herzo Base now has a language lab. Engle and Sperry repaired, painted, and wired 14 old booths, and equipped them with new tape recorders. Spoken language classes are now being held in German and Russian and facilities are available for maintaining proficiency in at least 10 other languages. Over 500 language tapes are on hand.

SP5s Brian King and Donald Green and SP4 Bennett Olson, all from Herzo, are now attending Infantry OCS at Ft Benning.



Men from Spt Gp Ft Meade raised \$55 for the Benefit Association by washing cars. Washers included CSM William Dials, 1SG Fred Ziegler, MSG Walter Lowery, SFC Dean Wanner, SSG Robert Pray, SSG Michael Campagna, SP5 Leroy Day, SP5 Ronald Eckart, SP4 David Page and PFC William Giezantanner.



TC&S PVT Danny Berenberg, who was Trainee of the Cycle at Ft. Dix, with Linda Ann Wilmer, Miss New Jersey.

Massachusetts—PVT Danny R. Berenberg, now at TC&S, topped over 1,000 men at Ft. Dix recently to be named Outstanding Trainee of the Cycle. He scored 425 on PT and rated Expert on the M-14, M-16 and grenade throw. The post CG, MG K. W. Collins, thoughtfully introduced the private to Linda Ann Wilmer, Miss New Jersey, who was visiting the post. (The general felt New Jersey's best and Ft. Dix's best really should become friends.) Berenberg agreed. He said Miss New Jersey was "beautiful, charming, modest, and easy to talk with."

Massachusetts—In November, Dr. C. L. John Leger was named educational consultant and Assistant Commandant of TC&S. Dr. Legere, who has been with the School for nine years, was formerly Director of the Office of Career Development Studies.

TC&S men contributed nearly 150% of their quota in the recent Combined Federal Campaign. Their goal was only \$17,500, but they contributed nearly \$26,000!

Herzo Base Boy Scout Troop 6 celebrates its first anniversary by inviting German Boy Scouts for a weekend camp out.



11 UNITS RATE 100%

What do Agency detachments at First, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth Armies and at Fts. Richardson, Jackson, Ord, Gordon and at CONARC have in common? At each, according to the latest quarterly report, everyone buys Savings Bonds. The 402d SOD also has 100 per cent participation.

Large units with the best records are USAG Arlington Hall Station (98 per cent) and the 311th Bn, Ft. Wolters (95 per cent).

Taiwan—Since 1963, FS Taiwan has donated an emergency generator, an air conditioner and nearly \$6,000 to the Saint Martin De Porres Hospital in Chaiyi. (The money is primarily used to buy medicines for patients unable to pay for their own medical supplies.) The men of the field station were rewarded when they were the honored guests at a ribbon-cutting ceremony which officially opened a new wing of the hospital.

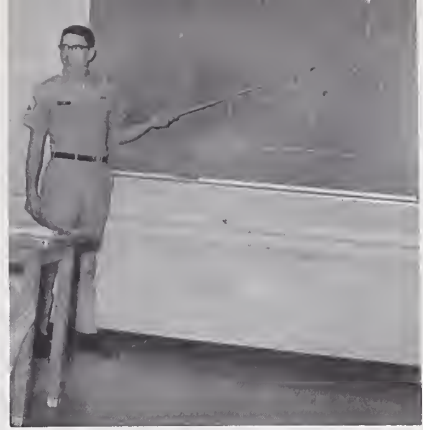
Texas—When SP5 Gail A. Richie, 202d Co, Ft. Hood, went on sick call recently he told the doctors that he had appendicitis. Richie is now recuperating from an emergency appendectomy. A lucky guess? Hardly. Richie was once an Army medic. While recuperating, Richie received a Bronze Star Medal. (No, not for his diagnosis, for his service in Vietnam.)

Korea—Gp Korea has a newly promoted SSM—Russell Thompson.

Ethiopia—SSG James C. Ryan re-upped in October for four more years. Nothing unusual . . . except that this was SSG Ryan's third reenlistment, and he has never reenlisted anywhere except at Kagnew Station! His first re-up was for six when he was at Kagnew in 1957, the second time when he returned to the Station in 1963.

1SG John P. Ozzello of A Co, Kagnew Station, has started "Operation Promotion" to help his men prepare for their promotion board appearance. Included is a special reference library and group counselling concerning the board.

During this last quarter, HHC members donated more than 1,000 school and library books to the Teclesan School.



In the 1968 Instructor of the Year competition at Naval Comm Trng Cen, SFC Jerry D. King placed second. Earlier, SFC King, NCOIC TC&S Pensacola Det, was the first Army man chosen as Instructor of the Month at this Navy school. (US Navy Photo)

Taiwan—Men from Det A, FS Taiwan, have been aiding the Lui Kuei Orphanage, located in the most destitute part of Taiwan, since October 1967. The men are helping build a pond to provide fish for the orphanage dining halls. Fish will help eliminate the severe lack of protein in the children's diet.

In other projects, the men gave a pair of Yorkshire pigs and fruit and vegetable seeds. The seeds will form the nucleus of a self-sustaining garden to provide a more balanced diet for the youngsters. Recreational gifts included a swing and playground set and other Christmas presents.

Other volunteers from Taiwan have been repairing, cleaning and painting the Chung Hsing Orphanage in Taipei. The unit also held a picnic for these orphans and plans a clothing drive for them in the near future.

LTC Norman J. Bacon, CO FS Taiwan, and 1SG Frank H. Gilman present basketballs, volleyballs, badminton sets and jump ropes to Miss Wen Ching Chung, Director of the Chung Hsing Orphanage in Taipei. (Photo by CW3 R. D. Carlson)





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□ **Local Solutions: Quick and Effective**—USASA people are experiencing long delays in resolving problems when they correspond with members of Congress before exhausting local remedies—and here's why.

Congressmen are concerned with their constituents—it's their job—but rarely do they have the necessary information available to handle a serviceman's complaint. Consequently, they must refer the matter to military authorities.

A combination of backlogs of congressional correspondence, proper identification of all individuals concerned, and forwarding of the inquiry through appropriate channels, makes getting to the root of the problem a lengthy process. Most often the inquiry comes back to the individual's unit, right where the problems originated.

In the great majority of cases, if the serviceman had gone to local authorities *first*—if he had exhausted his local channels—the problem would have been quickly resolved or the necessary advice readily given.

Bypassing military channels rarely, if ever, brings a favorable consideration that could not have been received by going through channels. (This holds true in the case of well-meaning but misinformed friends or relations who write members of Congress on the serviceman's behalf without the knowledge of the serviceman and without the knowledge that he has local remedies.)

The Army provides effective means for correcting all legitimate grievances. Agency men should remember that these means begin locally, at the unit level. Here is where the solution will likely be found.

In the final analysis, complaints and problems are not resolved by members of Congress; but, rather, by military commanders in accordance with Army regulations.

USAG

□ **COL Seth F. Hudgins**, commander of the United States Army Garrison at Arlington Hall Station died of a heart attack at his Arlington, Va., home on December 31. He was buried at West Point, N.Y., on January 6.

COL Hudgins' distinguished Army career included tours as a regimental commander of the Corps of Cadets at West Point and as chief of staff of a division during the Korean War. COL Hudgins was a 1939 graduate of West Point and held a master's degree from George Washington University. He also attended the Army War College, the Navy War College and the National War College.

He is survived by his wife, Duval, 4301 Columbia Pike, Arlington, Va., and a son, CPT Seth Hudgins Jr., who is stationed at Ft. Wolters, Texas.

SJA

□ **Public Demonstration Guidelines Set**—In light of recent well-publicized public demonstrations at home and overseas, many servicemen may have wondered what their relationship is to such activity.

Paragraph 46 in **AR 600-20**, under the heading, *Participation in public demonstrations*, provides the guideline. It says in part:

"Participation in picket lines or any other public demonstrations, including those pertaining to civil rights, may imply Army sanction of the cause for which the demonstration is conducted. Such participation by members of the Army, not sanctioned by competent authority, is prohibited . . . a. During the hours they are required to be present for duty; b. When they are in uniform; c. When they are on a military reservation; d. When they are in a foreign country; e. When their activities constitute a breach of law and order; and f. When violence is reasonably likely to result."

The First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees the right to peaceably assemble. The serviceman enjoys this right, but he has the special obligation stated in the regulation.

Civil rights and military obligations are not incompatible. A mature exercise of both constitutes responsible citizenship.

CDA

□ **Three Vulnerability Studies Underway**—CDA is currently conducting three electromagnetic vulnerability studies on several aspects of U.S. Army field operations, specifically:

- ▶ Electromagnetic Vulnerability of U.S. Army and Enemy Forces in South Vietnam to SIGINT and EW, 1968-1975.
- ▶ Electromagnetic Vulnerability of 1970-1975 U.S. Army and Soviet Army Armored Units to SIGINT and EW.
- ▶ Electromagnetic Vulnerability of U.S. Field Army Air Defense.

The studies are being performed with the assistance of civilian contractors in coordination with interested combat developments commands. August 1969 is the expected completion date.

Vulnerability studies, in general, define and identify operational communications and electronics systems expected to be fielded by U.S. and enemy forces within a projected time frame.

When completed, these particular studies will recommend technical equipment modifications and changes to operational procedures that will lessen or negate electromagnetic vulnerability of U.S. units and equipment and exploit weaknesses in unfriendly units and equipment. The studies will also state requirements for replacement items.

ODCSPER

□ **VAULT Helps Prospective Teachers**—Many in the Agency who want to pursue a teaching career but are discouraged because they lack a college degree can take new hope through Project VAULT.

VAULT is a program developed at Webster College in suburban St. Louis, Mo., to prepare veterans—including many one-time high school “dropouts”—for teaching careers in ghetto areas. Veterans can obtain a bachelors degree and a teaching certificate in two and one-half years and a masters degree in four years.

The curriculum is focused on teaching in the urban environment, specifically, on the ghetto.

VAULT is Webster College's unique contribution to Project TRANSITION and, so far, is in operation only at that school. However, the plan was introduced to college educators at a recent Pentagon conference and was well received. The Hallmark will report on all VAULT and similar programs developed in the future.

□ **Unit Citations and Campaign Credits Listed**—In response to many inquiries at Headquarters, here is a complete listing of Unit Citations and Vietnam campaign credits since 1961. Eligible soldiers should make sure they are properly credited for awards in their personnel file and should wear the appropriate ribbon on their uniform. The citations and campaigns are:

The Presidential Unit Citation—awarded for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy.

10th Radio Research Unit in support of 1st Cav, 23 Oct—26 Nov 65 (DA GO 40, September, 1967).

406th RR Det in support of 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Div, 2-20 Jun 66 (DA GO 59, Oct. 21, 1968).

The Valorous Unit Award—for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy, but to a lesser degree of gallantry than the Presidential Unit Citation.

856th Radio Research Det, 31 Jan—19 Feb 68 (para 4, DA GO 48, Sept. 13, 1968).

Meritorious Unit Commendation—awarded for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services for at least six months of military operations against an armed enemy.

3d RRU, 13 May 61—13 Dec 62 (DA GO 22, 14 May 63).

Det “J” 3d RRU July—Aug. 64 (DA GO 6, 23 Feb 66).

3d RRU (redesignated 509th RRG) 1st Oak leaf Cluster, Jan—May 65 (HQs, USARV GO 1124, 15 Mar 67).

8th RRFs, Nov 64—Jun 66 (HQs, USARV GO 1123, 15 Mar 67 or para 20, DA GO 17, 23 Apr 68).

313th RR Bn, Apr 66—May 67 (HQs, USARV GO 4946, 28 Sep 67 or para 105 DA GO 17, 23 Apr 68).

303d RR Br, 1 Jun 66—31 Jul 67 (HQs, USARV GO 224th Aviation Bn (RR) 1 Jun 66—30 Apr 67 (HQs, 118, 10 Jan 68 or para 104, DA GO 17, 23 Apr 68). USARV GO 357, 26 Jan 68 or para 101 DA GO 17, 23 Apr 68).

3d Sp Plt, 337th RR CO, 303d RR Bn, 509th RRG,

28 Jul 66—28 May 67 (para 10, DA GO 17, 23 Apr 68).

509th RRG (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster) to include HQ Co and Service Co, 101st RR Co, RR Comm Unit, 1 Jul 66—30 Sep 67 (HQs, USARV GO 3529, 23 Jul 68 or para 28, DA GO 48, 13 Sep 68).

404th RR Det, 5 May 65—4 May 67 (HQs, USARV GO 2704, 5 Jun 68 or para 22, DA GO 48, 13 Sep 68).

403d RR Ops Det. 1 Nov 66—31 Jan 68 (para 7, DA GO 48, 13 Sep 68).

Det 4, 3d RR Unit, Sep 65—Jun 66 (para 56, DA GO 17, 23 Apr 68).

406th RR Det, Jul 65—Oct 66 (para 86, DA GO 17, 23 Apr 68).

Those serving in Vietnam during the stated periods are entitled to credit for these campaigns:

1. Vietnam Advisory Campaign—15 Mar 62—7 Mar 65, para 216, AR 672-5-1.

2. Vietnam Defense Campaign—8 Mar 65—24 Dec 65, para 216, AR 672-5-1.

3. Vietnam Counteroffensive—25 Dec 65—30 Jun 66, para 216, AR 672-5-1.

4. Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase II—1 Jul 66—31 May 67, para 216, AR 672-5-1.

5. Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase III—1 Jun 67—31 Jan 68, DA Msg 864267.

6. Tet Counteroffensive—1 Feb 68—1 Apr 68, DA Msg 881701.

7. Unnamed campaign, 2 Apr-to be decided, DA Msg 881701.





In a war where acts of heroism go often unnoticed by the public, it is unlikely many will hear of the battle of Duc Lap and the men in it.

Because of their part in this battle three men of the 403d Special Operations Detachment, 5th Special Forces Group—SSG Danny Hall, SGT James Alward, and SP5 Donald Childs—each has been presented a Silver Star Medal for Valor.

Duc Lap, Camp A-239, is a remote special forces camp located about 42 miles southwest of Ban Me Thuot, three miles from the Cambodian border. It is of critical importance because it sits aside a main enemy infiltration route.

In addition to the three men of the 403d SOD, the camp is occupied by a 12-man Special Forces detachment, a similar South Vietnamese special forces group, and 350 Montagnard tribesmen and their dependents.

Late one night last August the enemy decided they were going to take Duc Lap. They opened up on the camp with a barrage of heavy mortar, rocket, and small arms fire.

The three men of the 403d SOD manned their defensive positions.

SSG Hall and SGT Alward returned the fire with their 81mm mortar and continued firing until the barrel overheated. They quickly cooled the barrel with cold water and their hands and then fired again. This procedure was repeated throughout that long night.

In the meantime, SP5 Childs, although earlier wounded by enemy mortar fire, began to guide the Montagnard dependents into the safety of the bunkers to encourage the men of the tribe to remain on the perimeter defense.

As daybreak arrived U.S. tactical aircraft began to pound the enemy positions. Bad weather conditions shrouded the targets, yet Air Force pilots flew dangerously low to give as much help as possible.

During one strafing, an F-100 Super Sabre was shot down. The pilot ejected from the plane safely but para-

chuted down perilously close to enemy-controlled territory.

SSG Hall, SGT Alward, and SP5 Childs joined other Special Forces soldiers to fight their way to the downed pilot. Through a rain of sniper fire, the pilot was escorted to the relative safety of the camp.

A chronological account of what followed is not possible. For the next three days and two nights, the defenders of Duc Lap faced incessant fire and repeated human wave assaults.

Duc Lap is situated on two small hills. After repeated assaults, the enemy gained control of the north hill and most of the saddle between the two hills. At one time they were within 50 meters of the operations bunker on the south hill.

During one fierce assault on the perimeter of the camp, the Montagnard defenders drifted away from their positions. SP5 Childs rallied them back to the perimeter and led a 10-man force into the enemy held portion of the



SSG Danny Hall, SGT James Alward and SP5 Donald Childs pose after the awards ceremony.

camp in an attempt to drive the enemy from the bunkers.

SP5 Childs and a Vietnamese medic waded into hostile territory destroying enemy bunkers with hand grenades as they went. As the two continued their sweep, the Montagnards, who had been providing protective fire, were forced from their positions.

This left SP5 Childs and the medic alone in the face of an assaulting enemy squad. The young green beret single-handedly confronted the entire enemy squad and at a distance of five meters killed them with his M-16.

The two men retreated up the hill but once on top noticed some enemy B-40 rockets and launchers abandoned on the side of the hill. Both men then went back down the hill and destroyed the rockets and launchers.

After the rockets were destroyed, the enemy resumed their fire. As the two allies went up the hill the medic was hit and fell less than half-way to the top.



COL Harold R. Aaron, CO, 5th Special Forces Group, congratulates SP5 Childs as SSG Hall and SGT Alward look on.

SP5 Childs made it to the top of the hill before he realized the medic had been wounded. Immediately, he descended the slope a third time.

As SP5 Childs remarked later, "I couldn't lift him, I was just too beat to carry him and my equipment back up the hill." Instead, he returned to the top of the hill, stripped off all his equipment and descended once more carrying only his pistol, but now was repulsed by heavy enemy rifle fire.

Two Vietnamese then volunteered to assist in the medic's rescue. As the two descended, SP5 Childs covered them with smoke grenades and a rain of .30 cal. machinegun fire. The wounded medic was finally dragged to the relative safety of the perimeter.

As the fighting reached a fever pitch on the third day, a fresh group of Montagnard tribesmen fought their way into the camp to relieve the besieged Americans, South Vietnamese, and Montagnards. At the cost of half their force, the Montagnards helped recapture the North Hill and Duc Lap was held.

When the fighting was over, nine U.S. and South



Three days of constant enemy mortar and rocket fire left the Duc Lap camp strewn with debris.

Vietnamese Special Forces were wounded and more than 150 Montagnards were dead or wounded.

The toll on the enemy was worse. More than 800 were killed during the three-day battles.

In addition to the Silver Star Medals, SSG Hall and SP5 Childs were awarded Purple Hearts for their actions. All three of the men were awarded Bronze Star Medals for Valor for their heroic actions. SP5 Childs had only five days left in country at the time of the battle.

The battle of Duc Lap is only one of many participated in by the men of the 403d Special Operations Detachment. During the past two years this distinguished unit has received a host of awards and decorations for heroism in combat. Twenty-one of these 403d SOD Green Berets have received the Purple Heart. One man gave his life.

The battle at Duc Lap, a place that few have ever heard of and even fewer will remember, graphically demonstrates that Radio Research soldiers have those characteristics vital to success in conflict—discipline and courage under fire.

SSG Danny Hall, SGT James Alward and SP5 Donald Childs, green berets of the 403d SOD, personify the best of the U.S. Army.



Enemy rockets found many targets during the three-day siege, including this demolished weapons carrier.

ESCUELA SONADORA:

a study of
people
helping
people

Near the village of Penonome, in a remote mountain area of Panama, 110 miles northeast of Ft. Clayton in the Canal Zone, lies a small two-building school called "Escuela Sonadora," the School of Sonadora.

"Escuela Sonadora" is the sole means of education for children of the poor farmers and peasants in the neighboring area. Since 1961, it has been vigorously supported by USASA's Southern Command.

To keep the school viable, SOUTHCOM contributes text books, notebooks, writing supplies, and sewing kits throughout the year. The Agency command also provides the eating utensils used at the school.

At present SOUTHCOM is engaged in an ambitious project to install a 3,000-gallon water tank for the school's use.

"Escuela Sonadora" includes grades one through six and is directed by Senora Nina C. de Guerra who founded the school in 1952 and since that time has been its driving force.

The entire physical plant consists of only two buildings—one used for classes and the other a combination dining hall-dispensary.

Southern Command, in conjunction with CARE and AID, assists the parents of the students in maintaining the buildings.

The Penonome area is a poor one. Parents and students realize the best way to raise their standard of living and to help themselves and their country grow is through education. To

obtain this education, some children walk up to six miles each day to get to class.

The students of "Escuela Sonadora" eagerly look forward to every class day, yet one in particular is special to them—the day of the Christmas party, which has been sponsored by SOUTHCOM every year for the past eight years.

Southern Command's preparations for the party involve a Santa's workshop where toys and clothes are repaired and cleaned for the children and bake sales by the wives of the soldiers. The profits become gifts and candy for the children.

All aspects of Sonadora-SOUTHCOM's relationship receive full publicity on Southern Command's radio and television station and in its newspaper, the ASA Leader.

This year's party, like those preceding it, was an unqualified pleasure for the 40 men and women of SOUTHCOM who attended as well as the children.

Escuela Sonadora is ringed by the mountains of Panama.



Some of the students at Escuela Sonadora enjoy a meal in the school dining room. The meal trays were donated by the men of USASA Southern Command.

The baked chicken, potatoes, salads, candies and cakes served that day amounted to a virtual banquet for the Sonadora children. In fact, many saved part of their meal to bring home to brothers and sisters that afternoon.

The SOUTHCOM guests were treated to an after-dinner show of Spanish songs and recitations. Then, the moment arrived; to the near-hysterical delight of the children, Santa Claus arrived and distributed his presents.

This year, as in the past, the Christmas party was a heartening success—and it wasn't just an accident.

It succeeded because men like SFC Vincente Ortiz and 1LT John Allen energetically spearheaded every effort to help the school; because of people like Specialists Ancharski and Tucker who tirelessly manned Santa's Workshop; and because of the women at SOUTHCOM who sponsored imaginative and highly successful bake sales.

The spirit of these people mirrors that of the whole Southern Command, which has enthusiastically supported the school in every venture.

That spirit is fostered and encouraged by the commanding officer, LTC William C. Davidson, a close and steadfast friend of "Escuela Sonadora."

"People helping people," is a philosophy some say has been laid to rest by our contemporary technology. We are happy to report, however, it is alive and well in Southern Command.





HALL OF FAME

Awards and honors won by military and civilian USASA members

Silver Star Medal

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Travis Bunn.

Legion of Merit

COLONEL: Irving E. Costanzo.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: William E. Muir Jr., Robert J. Munch, William F. Vernau, Joseph G. Wheeler.
MAJOR: Willis L. Friton.
CAPTAIN: Geoffrey F. Marquis.
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Dennis L. Bennett, David F. Leseman.
SPECIALIST 6: Marshall E. Gesner.

Bronze Star Medal

CAPTAIN: Robert C. Dalke.
FIRST LIEUTENANT: Steven P. Collier, Louis Farrell III, Lawrence P. Giles.
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Jerrel G. Elkins, Gerald L. Smith.
MASTER SERGEANT: Joseph L. Cronican, Catrol A. Hyde, Boyd W. Lamb, Irving Rosenbluth, Adelbert E. Smith.
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Douglas M. Bow, William Chapman, Robert I. Couture, Carthol A. Hyde, Harvey L. Johnson.
STAFF SERGEANT: Gary D. French, John Giles, Larry L. Hodges, David L. Hubbard, Larry L. Patterson, Richard L. Smith, Allywn F. Thompson, Jerry R. Vernon.
SPECIALIST 6: Lloyd T. Lavender.
SERGEANT: Leonard F. Capps.
SPECIALIST 5: George B. Glover, Wayne Hawkinson, Clinton A. Parsons, Gail A. Richie, Scott H. Stayart.
SPECIALIST 4: Allen E. Moore Jr., Occie H. Tate Jr.

Air Medal

STAFF SERGEANT: Larry D. Haskins (11-34).
SPECIALIST 5: Farris R. Carter (17-18), Thomas J. Cwynar (1-8), Gregory A. Hime (3-6), Lewis W. Keys, Eugene A. Pohner, (1-5), Bruce I. Neyland (1-17), Monroe B. Williams (7-13).
SPECIALIST 4: Thomas P. Boldt.

Army Commendation Medal

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Gerald Cowart, Leonard H. Grodsky, John C. Maxwell, George R. Mullin.(2)
MAJOR: David R. Coates Jr., Joseph F. Carls, Robert A. Malone, Gerald W. McCabe, William T. Meyer, Carl P. Thorpe.

CAPTAIN: Douglas W. Armstrong, Ronald G. Chochola, Donald B. Everitt Jr., John W. Fleming, William A. Hipp, Robert G. Knowles, Marcus E. Michael, Michael J. Remick, James R. Roberts, James H. Sabine, Michale D. Sprague (1), Gary E. Taylor, Jay E. Vaughn.
FIRST LIEUTENANT: William P. Akins, Michael W. Bartnicki, Bruce L. Carpenter, John F. Harris Jr.
SECOND LIEUTENANT: Wheeler H. Alsabrook.
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4: Irving P. Huebschman (2).
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Forrest D. Castle, (2), George R. Patt (1), James E. Thurston (1).
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Ronald A. Altman (2), Gary D. Boothe (1), Ronald E. Davis Sr. (2), Robert C. Esler, David F. Foushee, Maurice G. Jones (1), Calby J. Lanoux, Richard G. Miller, Loren A. Peterson, William T. Ragatz Jr., Gene E. Thomas (1).
SERGEANT MAJOR: Donald F. Seiler (2), Billy J. Woodruff (3).
MASTER SERGEANT: Charles L. Compton (1), Joseph F. Pillar (1), Lincoln L. Roop, Alfred H. Savary.
FIRST SERGEANT: William F. Bowser (2), Walter L. McCray, Calvin Savage (1), Charles E. Sexton, Sigma V. Willis.
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: James E. Balogh, Carl Brewer, Eugene A. Carson, Charles O. DeGraw (1), Donald E. Derham, (1), Walter S. Dick, Deam A. Doyle, John F. Duff, Sandy Jones Jr., Floyd F. Keefer, Norman A. Legge, Billy J. Moore, Walter A. Philipp (1), Norman O. Pitts, Robert H. Riedel, Harold H. Seibert, Rhoe A. Thompson (1), Marion J. Welford (1), Joseph C. Weller (1).
STAFF SERGEANT: Joseph F. Beaty, Henry Brown, Ronald B. Cathers, Jerry D. Cherrette, William F. Gilbert, Johnnie C. Green, William E. Green, Franklin D. Harris, Thomas P. Harris, Richard D. Holopainen, Theodore L. Humann, Richard W. Hurlbut, Lawrence D. Ingersoll, Leo Jones, John W. McGregor, Donald K. Paishon, Eddy L. Reiff, John P. Richardson, Dorothy M. Stephens, Hershah R. Waldrige.
SPECIALIST 6: William T. Day, David A. Engstrom, Felix T. Herubin, Donald L. Straig, John H. Thompson.
SERGEANT: Donald M. Hargrove, Thomas J. Mullen, David M. Stremke.
SPECIALIST 5: Merle W. Barber, Harold L. Bingle, Dale T. Clark, James R. Delp, David A. De Marse, Kent E. Flaada, Kenneth M. Gates, Gary E.

Geroux, Benjamin W. Grimes, Raymond D. Johnston, Danel L. McAlltine, Robert J. McAvay, Donald C. Morrison, Bruce I. Neyland, Timothy A. Settdlerlund, Albert W. Sites, Charles A. Stanonik, Novale Thompson, Paul F. Tortor, Darrell R. Woody.
SPECIALIST 4: Robert W. Causey, Keith H. Cowgill, John E. Dixon, William J. Emerson, John H. Jefferson, Richard Martlage, Robert T. Remley, Teddy C. Sauceman, Donald A. Shannon, Howard E. Skiles Jr., Occie H. Tate Jr., George W. Van Dorin, James W. Warner, Kenneth D. Wilkwar.

Soldier's Medal

SERGEANT: Melvin J. Jorgensen.

Purple Heart

STAFF SERGEANT: Ralph F. Mor-ton.
SPECIALIST 5: Eric W. Shervey.

Soldier of the Month

SPECIALIST 5: Dennis Mirabella, John L. Schirck.
SPECIALIST 4: William S. Dobson, James D. Worsley, Walter Lowe.
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS: Thomas Van Nest.

Retirement

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: David J. Lynch.
MASTER SERGEANT: Charles F. Howell, William Mock, Lowell D. Pahl, H. Savary, Eli H. Stevenson.
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Joe C. Biorseth, David H. Bowman, Gerald S. Des Lauriers, Francis D. McCabe.
STAFF SERGEANT: Sidney C. Goff.
SPECIALIST 5: David M. Rice.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

Quality Pay Increases

Harold E. Allen, James Cahill, Maurice Coombs, Miss Catherine T. Fields, Miss Jane M. Flynn, Theodore Green and Mrs. Florence Potvin.

Sustained Superior Performance Award

Mrs. Mavis Callovi, Herbert Douget, Mrs. Mildred Stilfield and Mrs. Lola Kay Wible.

Outstanding Performance Award

John J. Eaton, Jack Gray, Mrs. Dorothy Laine, Ralph Maahs, Gerald Martin, James A. McFadden, John P. Scherger and Thomas A. Shealy.



HUMOR

Ethiopia—Short-timer parties can be disastrous. Ask SP5 Dick Dammyer, formerly of Kagnev Station. On his last regular duty day before separation, Dammyer's OIC handed him a set of reenlistment papers with Dammyer's own signature.

"When did I do this?" he cried. The date was pointed out—same as the short-timers party. At the time, Dammyer felt this practical joke was less than amusing!

The HERZO MONITOR has established a "Zot" Award for Herzo personnel who share their occasional human frailties. The first winner was FS SSM Allen McLean who had to dress his two small children and leave them at a friends to wait for a school bus. After he got to work, the friend called. SSM McLean had thought of everything except shoes . . . and he had the key to the apartment with him. No school that day for Terry and Timmy McLean. Do you have an entry for the "Zot" award?

"Rrrrr. . ." intoned the mysterious package. "Bomb," thought SP4 George Patton of Herzo Base who called the MPs before jumping out the rear window of the mailroom. The fire department sped to the scene and immersed the package in 50 gallons of water. A hush fell over the gathered crowd as the soaked package was opened. The electric shoe brush was still working! Zot!



The 313th RR Bn won the Nha Trang flag football championship. COL Lockhard presents the trophy to LTC J. F. Morris Jr, CO 313th Bn.

FOOTBALL

Vietnam—Thanksgiving 1968 was a hot rainy day in Nha Trang, but it was a great day for HHC 313th Bn. Their football squad, the Cobras, won the month-long Nha Trang flag football championship tournament, topping nine teams without a loss. During the final game, against an Air Force team, planes overhead blared "Air Force beat Army" but to no avail. The Cobras won 6-2 in the final 20 seconds of the game.

Team members were SP4s D. Constantino, R. Gilmore, B. Gomez, J. Mullen, W. Murray, R. Nitche, C. Snare, P. Thomas, J. Todd, W. Waid, W. Weaver; SP5s J. Brown, G. Cancino, C. Edwards, J. Leffel, R. Priestler,

E. Roberts, J. Weaver; SGTs R. Bozard, J. Thomas; CSM H. F. Smith; CPT J. Laraway and LTC J. F. Morris Jr.

Ethiopia—The Kagnev Allstars won four straight victories to capture the Mediterranean Sports Conference Flag Football Championship in November. SP4 Glenn R. Worley was the coach. Earlier, Kagnev won the 1968 Conference titles in basketball and tennis.

NEW FOOTBALL RECORDS SET

Agency football teams on three continents have set new records this year. In Japan, the Hakata Rams won all eight games they played, including three consecutive games by a combined score of 210-6 (56-6, 74-0 and 80-0). Can anyone top this?

Company A is "best" in Ethiopia and at Ft. Devens. The A Company Hawks at Kagnev had a perfect 10-0 record while A Co at TC&S topped the Ft. Devens Hawks to capture the 1968 Ft. Devens intramural football championship.

GOLF

Massachusetts—SP4 Willie Morrison is TC&S' "Arnold Palmer" winning the last two major tournaments at Ft. Devens. Morrison topped 65 others to win the 36-hole Fall Golf Tournament with a low gross of 156 and a net of 144. Last spring he won the Spring Tournament with similar low scores.

This fall Morrison's team took first



What are the firemen doing? See story.



Top TC&S golfer Willie Morrison.

in the New England USO Golf Tournament, topping seven teams. At Okinawa, before coming to Devens in October 67, Morrison placed first or second in three out of four tournaments he entered. Earlier he played on the championship Northeastern Oklahoma A&M team. Morrison, a serious golfer for 10 years, (he practices 20 hours a week) is considering a professional golfing career. In his spare time he sells golfing equipment at the Ft. Devens Pro Shop.

BOWLING

Germany—Defending champion Herzo topped eight teams to win the 1968 USASAE Chief's Bowling Tournament on November 23 with 18,666 pins. Host team Bad Aibling was second with 18,289, followed by Rothwesten with 18,195. SP5 Donald Rogers, Herzo, had the highest singles total with 1,187. Tops in the individual All-Events final were SP5 Stanley Kravitz, 183 average, and SP5 Donald Rogers, 181 average, both from Herzo.

Panama—It happened again (see "Bowling," November HALLMARK). SP6 Gary Mills rolled three successive strings of 159—a "one in a thousand" occurrence.

MUSIC

Japan—FS Hakata personnel have organized a non-profit musical group, "The Variations," which has appeared on TV and is staging performances at all area universities to better Japanese-American relations. The cast includes 17 singers (five from a Negro spiritual group), a seven-piece band, seven technicians, a stage manager, a director and an interpreter.

BASKETBALL

Maryland—On November 25, HHC defeated A Co 63-59 to win the Spt Gp Ft Meade Intramural Basketball Championship for the fourth consecutive year. High man was SP5 Thomas Helms, 22 points, A Co; followed by HHCs 2LT Richard Soudan and SP4 Michael Driscoll, 16 points each.

Panama—With a 19-0 record, the SOUTHCOM Cavaliers were the first team in the Panama Armed Forces League to ever have a perfect season! The Cavaliers won their last two games by two points each in overtime.



The hunter—SSG Robert E. Sack, T&EC—and the hunted.

HUNTING

Arizona—Deer, deer! Hunters at Test & Eval Cen. Ft. Huachuca have been very successful lately. SSG Robert E. Sack downed a 100-lb, 3-point white-tailed deer in the Whetstone Mountains, while SFC James D. Vanover shot a 135-lb, 4-point black-tailed deer at Tombstone. Archer 1LT Michael L. Holm downed a 125-lb, 4-point whitetail in the Huachuca Mountains with a bow and arrow!

BOXING

Massachusetts—TC&S swept the 1968 Ft. Devens Simon Pure (novice) Boxing Championship in November. The team trophy was taken by 2d Bn,

followed by 1st Bn.

Individual winners were: PVT Tim Garner, flyweight; PVT Gene Rogers, bantamweight; PFC Edward Apple, featherweight; SP4 Mike Wallace, welterweight; PVT Tim Copenheaver, light-middleweight; SP4 Steve Byers, middleweight; and PFC Gary Lamberty, light-heavyweight. All were from 2d Bn except Wallace of HQ Co and Byers from the 1st Bn.

AUTO RACING

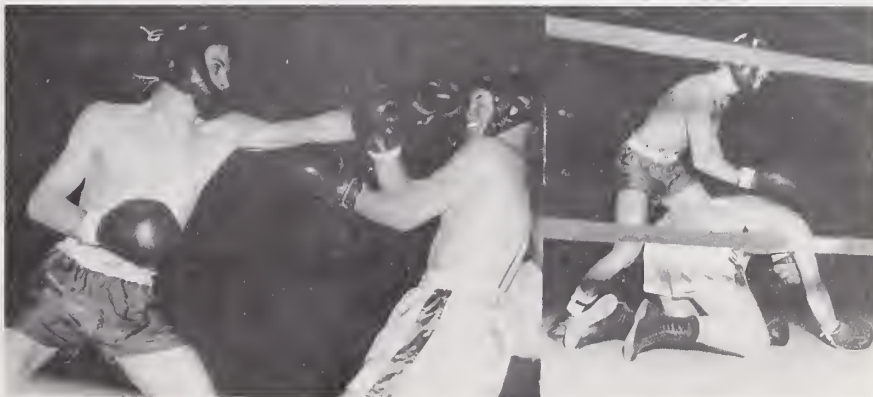
Germany—Four men from Bad Aibling took five of 10 trophies offered in an October 27 "Slalom" sponsored by the Sports Car Club of South Bavaria. Dubbed "the Conquerors" by an AFN Munich DJ, SP4 Ronny Weed, SP5 Steve Nellenbach and SP4 Mike Cantin won first place trophies while SP5 Tom Weil took a second place. Bad Aibling will start its own sports car club in the near future.

SOCCER

Texas—Four members of the 202d Co were on the First Armored Division Soccer team which won the Ft. Hood post championship. They were SP6 Bill Batdorf, SGTs Rich Claxton, Jerry Claxton, and SP5 Thomas C. Hall.

THE ARTS

Germany—THE FRANKFURTER FORUM, monthly newspaper at HQ Europe, recently started an excellent "Arts and Letters" section with original poetry, short stories, essays, etc. Early contributions included a poem by SP4 Robert J. Kaderlik, "Hands as Spiders" and a "1984" short story, "Body Snatchers, Inc." by SP4 S. L. Lent.



A left to the nose and down he goes. SP4 Mike Wallace, TC&S, scores a knock-down in boxing competition. (Photo by SP4 Robert Pabst)

USASA Personnel at SHAPE

Have International Outlook

Most of us in the United States Army Security Agency tend to think of our roles in terms of America's *national* security. For one small group of USASA men, however, a truly international outlook is necessary.

These men are the highly motivated, hardworking group of USASA officers and enlisted personnel now serving at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Belgium.

This USASA contingent is integrated into the Allied Command Europe Communications Security Support Activity, or ACE COMSEC as it is commonly called. The unit is a branch of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Communications and Electronics Division of the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and is commanded by MG E. Henrici of the German Army.

ACE COMSEC's total complement of seven officers and 63 enlisted men represent Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Turkey, The United Kingdom, and the United States. Three officers and five enlisted men are from the ranks of the USASA.

ACE COMSEC's commanding officer is LTC J. E. Taylor of the United Kingdom. He is assisted by MAJ Howard P. Sheehan of the USASA. CPT T. E. Reynolds, USASA, is project officer and MSG J. M. Collins, USASA, is the operations NCOIC.

Basically, the mission of ACE COMSEC is to provide all aspects of communications security support to the Allied Command Europe and to NATO Headquarters in Brussels. Communications are vital to the effectiveness of the NATO alliance, and keeping the Allied Command's communications links secure under both peacetime and simulated war conditions is a vast and highly complex task that must, of necessity, be inter-

national in character.

ACE COMSEC's mission involves both the day-to-day problems of communications security and also long-range planning for future communications systems. The USASA men have put their 40 years of combined training and experience in communications security to work for the benefit of the NATO alliance.

Working in close coordination with the SHAPE Operations Division, MAJ Stanley L. Piernick, another member of the USASA group at SHAPE, helps insure that communications security requirements are met within SHAPE itself. MSG Collins heads a multinational team of USASA and other national analysts seeking to detect actual or potential security shortcomings within NATO. ACE COMSEC also conducts on-the-spot inspections of international cryptographic information holders and communications centers, to insure that established security criteria are being met. The activity also serves as the office of record for cryptographic items.

As deputy chief, MAJ Sheehan is

responsible for the coordination of cryptographic planning carried on within ACE COMSEC, including the formulation of policy directives for communications and electronics within the Command.

CPT Reynolds is concerned with the supply, maintenance and security of NATO-funded communications equipment within the Allied Command Europe.

In addition, members of the USASA contingent are always ready to serve as ACE COMSEC representatives to NATO international bodies when communications security matters within their fields of specialization are to be discussed.

These men of the USASA perform their various duties in close working cooperation with officers and men of the NATO allies, within ACE COMSEC and SHAPE, as well as on visits to various installations. This calls for an understanding of the special problems faced by the armed services of all of the nations of the Allied Command Europe. Differing national military budget limitations, facilities, and regulations all create complex problems for ACE COMSEC which cannot be solved by technical competence alone.

The men of USASA at SHAPE have developed an international outlook, an ability to recognize, understand and solve the problems that must be dealt with if the NATO goal of a secure and lasting peace based on a position of strength and unity is to be realized.



MAJ Stanley L. Piernick of the USASA SHAPE group has his gold oak leaves pinned on by LTC Helmut Drophmer, German Army (left) and LTC J. E. Taylor, United Kingdom.

the not-so-great escape

by SP5 Art Dworken
Editor, Frankfurter Forum

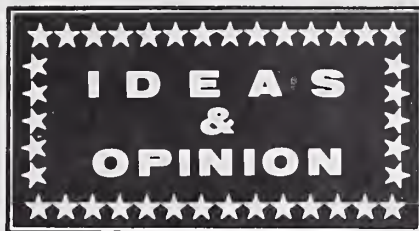
With ever-increasing frequency, daily newspapers are lending support to that old adage that "no news is good news." The war in Vietnam goes on and on and on. Children are starving to death in Biafra because the price of rats has risen far above the local standard of living. Arabs and Israelis are still using each other for target practice across the Suez Canal. Half a million Soviet troops decided the beer was better in Czechoslovakia and all showed up there at the same time. The life expectancy of the American city dweller is fast becoming directly proportional to the amount of armor plating in his vest, his car or his home.

These headlines serve as constant reminders that for modern man, caught up in the daily turbulence of today's violent world, there is truly no place left to hide.

Today there are many who expound a doctrine of escapism when confronted with the world's daily diet of calamity. "Drop out," they say. "Tune in to our frequency. Turn on with acid, baby, and see it like it is." Such a panacea is, of course, neither new nor original to this generation. The lotus-eaters of society have been doing their thing since the heyday of Homer. Now their spiritual disciples, the LSD and pot wags, preach on the glories of expanded consciousness and deeper appreciation of life, yet they fail to account for the great paradox of their philosophy—how does one find truth by distorting reality?

Can the drug user not be likened to the ostrich that has buried its head in the sand yet left its most vulnerable parts exposed to the very havoc it cannot face? And is there not a subtle message to be gleaned from Congress' recent reallocation of funds from America's space program to what they considered to be the more immediate needs of our society? Like the mythological Prometheus, it now appears that man will be earth-bound for some time and it seems only

good sense that he attempt to work to better his condition as long as he is stuck here. It does not take expanded consciousness for man to recognize the foibles of his existence, nor does it seem unreasonable to expect him to actively participate in the only world we've got.



—Let George Do It—

by Chaplain (LTC) L. E. VanVerth
From The Bavarian Observer

An ancient story illustrates the need for each member of society to do his share. A party was given by a king for his subjects, most of whom had a "let George do it" philosophy.

Each citizen was asked to bring a small bottle of wine which would be poured into a huge wooden cask. One citizen said to himself, "No one can see what I put in; I'll take water; it won't hurt in that big cask of wine."

Yes, you guessed it. When the cask was opened, nothing but water poured out; everyone had decided to cheat. But, at the sight of the water, they got the message.

As I See It

By Clifford L. Charron
Command
Sergeant Major

I encountered one of the finest examples of patriotism within the USASA I have ever seen during a recent trip to the Far East. My visit to Korea was highlighted by a performance of an original stage review by the men of USASA Group Korea. The show was called "Born Free," and was a potpourri of America's heritage of freedom.

"Born Free" was directed by 1LT Lee Mimms, but he must share the credit for a terrific job with the multi-talented cast. The show included 13 exceptional acts, ranging from

hard rock and blues group to a country western band.

The troupe toured Korea and provided entertainment for Agency personnel in 250-man companies and 16-man detachments. They also provided the spark by which more than \$2,500 was donated to the USASA Benefit Association.

The show and the donations it produced for USASABA were the result of an outstanding effort on the part of all the members of Group Korea, from its commander, LTC Richard C. Jachens, and its former Command Sergeant Major, Robert Holder, to the Open Mess custodians and the men who attended the performances. Another group of soldiers who deserve a vote of thanks are the men who pulled the duty or trick for the performers so they could travel with the show.

The cast included 23 individuals, all of whom deserve to be recognized by name: CPT Thomas Rylands (clarinet, sax); SGM Robert Holder and MSG Don Willoughby (specialty); SSG Ed Malone (banjo); SSG George Foster (country-western vocalist); SSG Gary Hannebohn (banjo); SP5 Art Ross (sax); SP5 Mike Curry (trumpet); SP5 Jimmy Drown (guitar, drums); SP5 Louis Duke (harmonica); SP5 Randy Arnold (drums); SP5 David States (vibes, organ); SP5 Gary Wallace (guitar); SP5 John Merchant (bass guitar); SP5 Gary Seay (vocalist); SP4 Jamie Marks (banjo, impersonations); SP4 John Abbott (vocalist); SP4 Richard Nidifer (vocalist); SP4 Tom Watts (drums); SP4 Joe Evans (guitar, vocalist); PFC Richard Negus (folk minstrel); PFC Leslie Moody (fiddle); and, PFC Ron Thompson (vocalist).

The esprit de corps and quality of the soldiers of Group Korea were recognized by the command sergeant major of Eighth Army in Korea, CSM Theodore Richard, when he said: "The only other soldiers that I have seen in my career that have as much pride, spirit, comradeship, and closeness as the soldiers in ASA are Special Forces."

Gentlemen, you have added another step in establishing our command as the finest in the U.S. Army. Because of you, Agency soldiers throughout the world walk a lot straighter and stand a little taller.

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